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JACK ANDERSON: What is the CIA up to in Iran? I'll be back in a minute with an exclusive report.

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ANDERSON: Every time something goes wrong in Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini blames it on the Central Intelligence Agency. Well, my intelligence have confided that while the Ayatollah can't trace all his problems to the CIA, America's spies are responsible for some of them. And they're proud of the fact.

In any way they can, American intelligence agents are stirring up dissent in Iran. They have joined with Israeli agents in a determined propaganda and insurgency campaign. A number of CIA experts have been sent to the Iranian province of Kurdistan to assist rebels there. My sources say the agency upgraded its activities in that province just before U.S. hostages were taken last November.

The U.S. intelligence agents have also set up anti-Khomeini radio broadcasts from Egypt. The Persian programs sometimes features a popular Iranian woman singer named Gaguhe (?), whose music was banned by the Ayatollah. The Free Voice of Iran is sponsored by the CIA, my sources say, because American intelligence experts were dissatisfied with the efforts of the Voice of America.

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